



INNOVATION FUND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE DAY

July 9th, GTRI Conference Center, Atlanta, GA

10:00 TO 10:30 TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE DAY KICKOFF (AUDITORIUM)

Innovation Fund Grant 101 Part I:

Overview of the Innovation Fund Grant Opportunities

Rebecca Ellis, Innovation Fund Program Manager, Governor's Office of Student Achievement

10:45 TO 11:45: BREAKOUT SESSIONS I

Blended Learning (119A)

Lisa Duty, Partner, The Learning Accelerator

During this session, blended learning expert, Lisa Duty from the Learning Accelerator, will define and discuss blended learning and provide examples of how other schools and districts have successfully implemented blended learning school models.

Teacher Development for High-Need Schools (119B)

Dr. Leslie Hazle Bussey, Chief of Staff, GLISI

During this session, Dr. Leslie Hazle Bussey from the Georgia Leadership Institute for School Improvement (GLISI) will discuss the research behind effective teacher development models for high-need schools, as well as provide examples of effective teacher development models in practice.

Birth to Age Eight Language and Literacy Development (119C)

Nicole Tuttle, Director of Literacy, Drew Charter School

Arianne Weldon, MPH, Director, Get Georgia Reading Campaign

During this session, Arianne Weldon will present the four pillars of the Get Georgia Reading Campaign and the Birth to Age Eight Language and Literacy Development priority area: (a) language nutrition, (b) access, (c) learning climate, and (d) teacher preparation. Nicole Tuttle will share her experience implementing an early childhood language and literacy program at Charles R. Drew Charter School and discuss how Drew Charter School's model addresses the pillars of this priority area.

11:45 – 12:45: NETWORKING LUNCH

12:45 – 1:45 BREAKOUT SESSIONS II

Applied Learning (119A)

Julie Sharpe, Evaluator, Tift County Mechatronics Program, President, Sharpe Solutions

Dr. Douglas Wright, 12 for Life/ STEM for Life Coordinator, Carroll County School System

During this session, representatives from two Innovation Fund grants – Carroll County STEM for Life and the Tift County Mechatronics Program – will discuss what defines an applied learning program and how they have implemented successful applied learning programs in their respective districts.

Leader Development for High-Need Schools (119B)

Catherine Barbour, Principal Technical Assistance Consultant, Center for Great Teachers and Leaders at American Institutes for Research

During this session, Catherine Barbour will share her expertise in implementing an innovative leader-development program for high-need schools. Specifically, this session will focus on implementing a competency-based turnaround leadership coaching approach which focuses on four key competencies of successful turnaround principals: (a) driving for results, (b) influencing for results, (c) problem-solving, and (d) leading with confidence.

Innovation Fund Grant Writing Workshop (119C)

Rebecca Ellis, Innovation Fund Program Manager, Governor's Office of Student Achievement

Has your organization experienced difficulty writing successful grants in the past? If so, then this session is for you. During this hands-on session, attendees will learn and discuss strategies for developing and writing successful grants from start to finish and analyze examples of successful and unsuccessful Innovation Fund grant applications.

1:50 – 2:30 CLOSING SESSION (AUDITORIUM)

Innovation Fund Grant 101 Part II:

Discussion of Innovation Fund Grant Application Questions

Rebecca Ellis, Innovation Fund Program Manager, Governor's Office of Student Achievement